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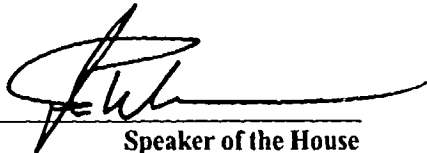
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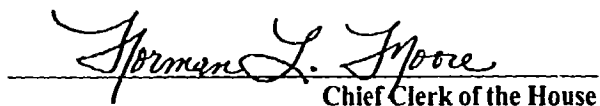
ON THE DEATH OF DARWIN HUGH AYCOCK.

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UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

Passed the House November 29, 20 01



Speaker of the House


Chief Clerk of the House

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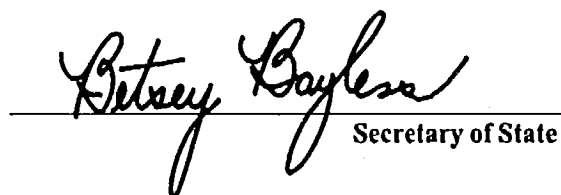

Secretary of the Senate

S.C.R. 1001
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this 3 day of Dec., 20 01,

at 11:40 o'clock Am M.


Secretary of State

1 Darwin Hugh Aycock, who served as secretary-treasurer of the Arizona
2 State AFL-CIO from 1968 to 1987, died on November 16, 2001, surrounded by his
3 family after a short, courageous battle with leukemia.

4 Darwin Aycock was born in LaMesa, Texas on January 10, 1928, moved to
5 Phoenix when he was three months old and grew up in Phoenix as one of nine
6 children.

7 In 1943, at the age of fifteen, Darwin Aycock went to work for the
8 Arizona Republic and Gazette as an apprentice stereotyper. During World War
9 II, he joined the Marine Corps, serving in Tsingtao and Tienstsin, China.
10 Following his discharge in 1949, he moved to Tucson and worked for the Tucson
11 Daily Star. He was recalled to active duty with the Marines during the
12 Korean War, made the Inchon Landing and fought his way out of the Chosin
13 Reservoir.

14 After the war, Darwin Aycock worked as a stereotyper for several Los
15 Angeles newspapers and then returned to Phoenix to work at the Gazette. It
16 was during this period that he became active in union affairs, serving in
17 several positions in the Phoenix Stereotypers Union Local 151. He was
18 selected to be a representative to the Phoenix-Maricopa County Central Labor
19 Council and served as chairman of its Educational and Legislative Committees
20 and as a member of its Executive Board.

21 Darwin Aycock was elected to be the director of the Committee on
22 Political Education for the Arizona State AFL-CIO in 1962. He then advanced
23 to the position of secretary-treasurer of the Arizona State AFL-CIO in 1968,
24 the highest labor position in the state. Darwin Aycock was the youngest
25 person ever elected secretary-treasurer and he was elected to that office for
26 an unprecedented ten consecutive terms, serving in that capacity until he
27 retired in June, 1987. Darwin Aycock was also on the board of the Rocky
28 Mountain Labor School for many years and served as a delegate to the 1968 and
29 1984 Democratic National Conventions.

30 Darwin Aycock's tireless commitments to the State of Arizona included
31 serving on the board of directors or board of trustees for dozens of
32 organizations, including the Arizona Trade Union Council for Histadrut, the
33 Arizona Academy, the Boy Scouts of America, the Maricopa Council on
34 Alcoholism, the Phoenix Day Nursery, the Phoenix Memorial Hospital Urban
35 League, Arizonans for Children, the Phoenix Charter Government Committee and
36 the Arizona Council on Economic Education Legislative Committee on Medicaid,
37 to name a few.

38 Darwin Aycock could not go out in public without people stopping him
39 to introduce themselves, shake his hand and share a "Darwin" story. He
40 rubbed elbows with presidents, United States senators and representatives,
41 governors, mayors and hundreds of other political leaders in this state, but
42 he was more comfortable on a picket line, talking to a field worker or
43 organizing a labor movement.

1 Darwin Aycock fought hard for the labor movement and he also fought
2 hard for the "little guy". He was sincere in his efforts to help people and
3 was heard to say on many occasions to "Keep the faith." Darwin Aycock was
4 a man who made field workers stand a little taller and blue collar workers
5 a little prouder. He dedicated his life to helping people. Even when he was
6 in the Veterans' Hospital, he was working to organize the nurses to join the
7 union.

8 Darwin Aycock's proudest legacy is that whether he agreed with you or
9 not, whether he was a friend or a foe, no one ever questioned his integrity,
10 honesty or ethics.

11 Darwin Aycock was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Lorena
12 Aycock, and his sisters, Ermine Oldfather and Francis Lawrence. He is
13 survived by his wife of forty-six years, Roseanne, daughters, Sherry Waite
14 (Gregg), Debbie McCormick (Bob Gillespie) and Lori Aycock, and son, Gary
15 Aycock. He also is survived by six grandchildren, Caron Williams (Mark),
16 Christopher Mandell (Tracy), Tara Blackwell, Amanda Blackwell, Jill Ahrens
17 (Charles) and Andrew Ferry, seven great-grandchildren, Chase, Carlee and
18 Calee Scott, Brittany Blackwell, Heather and Isaiah Ahrens and Anthony Ferry,
19 brothers, Fred (Jean), Bob (Dorothy), Quentin (Jo), Roger (Ann) and Wayne,
20 and numerous nieces and nephews. Darwin will be greatly missed by his
21 family, his colleagues and his many friends.

22 Therefore

23 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
24 Representatives concurring:

25 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of
26 Darwin Hugh Aycock and extend their deepest sympathies and condolences to his
27 surviving family members.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE NOVEMBER 29, 2001.

PASSED BY THE SENATE NOVEMBER 29, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE DECEMBER 3, 2001.